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SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING ALERTING OF US  
 TROOPS IN FRG

1. WE ARE RECEIVING NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT UPI  
 AND AP PRESS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON STATING THAT US  
 TROOPS IN THE FRG AND THE US HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALERT  
 STATUS. THE STORIES CITE PENTAGON OFFICIALS AS SOURCES  
 OF THE REPORT BUT THAT THE PENTAGON HAS DENIED ALL  
 OFFICIAL COMMENT.

2. EUCOM INFORMED US THIS MORNING THAT JCS HAS PLACED  
 US TROOPS IN FRG ON DEFCON 3 ALERT AND ORDERED THAT THE  
 RETURN OF REFORGER UNITS TO THE US BE DELAYED ONE WEEK.  
 WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO  
 SACEUR AND THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY, THE INFORMA-  
 TION WILL BE GIVEN TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

3. PRESS INQUIRIES HAVE TAKEN THE DIRECTION OF FIRST,  
 CONFIRMATION OF THE MILITARY ALERT, AND SECOND, RELATED  
 DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. IN VIEW OF THE INQUIRIES, WE  
 NEED IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO BOTH PRESS AND  
 OFFICIAL FRG INQUIRIES ABOUT THE ALERT, THE LATTER WHICH  
 WE EXPECT IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY.

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